

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-9 without prejudice and insert the following new claims:

1 (Cancelled).

2 (Cancelled).

3 (Cancelled).

4 (Cancelled).

5 (Cancelled).

6 (Cancelled).

7 (Cancelled).

8 (Cancelled).

9 (Cancelled).

10 (Newly presented). A process for making a fast-dissolve medicament comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing a combination comprising at least one active pharmaceutical ingredient, an effervescent couple and at least one excipient, other than the components comprising said effervescent couple, in the absence of a disintegrant, wherein at least the predominant part of the combination is granulated, to form a first mixture;

(b) tableting said first mixture in the presence of 2.5 to 15% by weight of a liquid selected from the group consisting of water, ethanol, isopropanol and mixtures thereof at a pressure of up to 100 N/mm² with a degree of compaction of 30 to 80%, to form a porous effervescent tablet; and

(c) drying said porous effervescent tablet.

11 (Newly presented). The process of claim 10, wherein said active pharmaceutical ingredient is selected from the group consisting of analgesics, antacids, antiasthmatics/bronchospasmolytics, antibiotics, psychopharmaceuticals, antidiabetics, antiallergics/antihistamines, antihypotensives, antitussives, laxatives, mucolytics/expectorants, H₂ blockers, local anaesthetics, antiemetics/prokinetics, lipid-lowering agents, agents effective for migraine, and sympathomimetics and combinations thereof.

12 (Newly presented). The process of claim 10, wherein the particle size of said first mixture is no larger than 2.0 mm.

13 (Newly presented). The process of claim 10, wherein the residual moisture content of said porous effervescent tablet is from 5% to 10% before drying.

14 (Newly presented). The process of claim 10, wherein said first mixture is tableted at a pressure from 0.1 to 50 N/cm².

15 (Newly presented). The process of claim 10, wherein said dried porous effervescent tablet has a porosity from 0.4 to 0.7.